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SUBJECT: SOVIET-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE AND DISARMAMENT
AT UNGA

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1. IN SEPTEMBER 3 CALL ON ANOTHER TOPIC, ACTING POL COUNSE-
LOR ASKED ITALIAN MINISTER-COUNSELOR CASTALDO TO REVIEW DE-
TAILS OF PISANI-ISRAELYAN CONSULTATIONS (REFTEL) ON SOVIET
INTENTIONS WITH REGARD CSCE AND DISARMAMENT AT UNGA.

2. NOTING HE HAD NOT ATTENDED THESE PORTIONS OF MEETINGS,
CASTALDO REREAD RECORD AND, WHILE LARGELY CONFIRMING INFO
REPORTED PARA 2 REFTL, SPECIFIED THAT ISRAELYAN HAD IN FACT
PROMISED ITALIANS TWO THINGS: (1) TO GIVE THEM DRAFT OF
RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE TO BE SUBMITTED IN
THIRD COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO ECOSOC REPORT; AND (2) TO
INFORM THEM "AS SOON AS DECISION TAKEN" WITH REGARD TO HOW
SOVIETS PROPOSED TO HANDLE CSCE AT UNGA. ISRAELYAN HAD BEEN
"RESISTANT" TO ITALIAN PRESSURE FOR INFORMATION ON CSCE
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HANDLING, CASTALDO SAID, AND HAD ENVISAGED ONLY TWO WAYS IN

WHICH CSCE MIGHT FIGURE IN UNGA PROCEEDINGS: (1) APPROPRIATE MENTION IN THE RECORD OF THE GENERAL DEBATE OF FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON CSCE; AND (2) MENTION IN THE PREAMBLE OF WHATEVER RESOLUTION OR DECLARATION EMERGES FROM DEBATE ON THE AGENDA ITEM ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

3. WITH REGARD TO DISARMAMENT, CASTALDO CONFIRMED REFTTEL REPORT THAT SOVIETS EXPECTED TO GIVE IT TOP PRIORITY AND SEE IT DOMINATE SESSION, BUT SAID THEY HAD GIVEN ABSOLUTELY NO INDICATION OF WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND. HE OPINED THAT THEY WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY VET INITIATIVES WITH MAJOR WESTERN UN MISSIONS IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO ADVANCING THEM IN UNGA IF ONLY TO LINE UP ENOUGH SUPPORT TO AVOID GIVING MAJOR OPENINGS TO PREDICTABLE CHINESE ATTACKS. HE SUSPECTED THEY WOULD ALSO CONSULT ON CSCE HANDLING PRIOR TO SESSION FOR THE SAME REASON, SINCE IN HIS VIEW MAJOR SOVIET PURPOSE IN TOUTING CSCE AT UN WOULD PROBABLY BE TO BUILD FIRE UNDER ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSAL.

4. COMMENT. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM ABOVE THAT RECORD OF PISANI-ISRAELIAN MEETING FURNISHED BY CASTALDO'S COLLEAGUE IN AUGUST 21 POL COUNSELORS' MEETING (REFTEL) WAS IMPRECISE IN SUGGESTING ISRAELIAN HAD PROMISED ITALIANS COPY OF SOVIET DRAFT DECLARATION ON DISARMEMENT WHICH WOULD CITE CSCE FINAL ACT. FROM RECORD, SOVIETS SEEM TO HAVE HAD SOMETHING MUCH MORE MODEST IN MIND, AT LEAST AT TIME OF PISANI CONSULTATION AUGUST 14-15. END COMMENT.
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